decision to direct the bank to settle such outstanding issues soon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) Bank of India has reported that there is no claim pending with them for which they have admitted/ agreed to pay compensation.

(b) According to the Bank M/s. Beneyog who were maintaining C/D Account with their Lindsey Street Branch were offered as a gesture of goodwill an interest @ 5% per annum amounting to Rs. 11043/-. They had refused to accept the same. They had demanded a sum of Rs. 1,25,000/- towards compensation which has not been admitted by the Bank on account of the fact that the credit balance in the account was only Rs. 72,775/-.

(c) This is an operational matter on which Government does not issue directions.

(d) Does not arise.

Issue of Free Air Passes

792. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of persons to whom Free Air Passes are issued;

(b) the number of senior citizens, widows, handicapped, family members of Staff of Indian Airlines to whom Free Air Passes have been issued during 1994-95 till date and the class in which they are entitiled to travel;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to freedom fighters and ex-Defence personnel also; and

(d) the total cost the Indian Airlines had to bear on this account during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Free passages on Air India and Indian Airlines are allocated to Department of Tourism for being released to travel writters, photographers, tour operators and opinion makers visiting India under their Hospitality programme. Free passages are also issued to persons requiring medical treatment aborad, in consultation with Directorate General of Health Services. Air India and Indian Airlines issue free passages to various categories of persons in the overall commercial and business interest. The employees and their families of Air India and Indian Airlines are issued free passages. Passes issued by other Airlines are also honoured on reciprocal basis. Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism also issues limited number of passes to members of public based on merits of each case.

The senior citizens, widows and handicapped persons are not provided free passages, as a category.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No cost is incurred as free pass holders are generally accommodated only after accommodating revenue paying passengers.

Consultancy Services on Turnkey Basis

793. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC is providing consultancy services on turnkey basis for running hotels and restaurants in India and abroad;

(b) whether the management of ITDC is inviting private contractors to run its own restaurants in ITDC hotels itself; and

(c) if so, the details of restaurants in ITDC hotels likely to be given on contract basis in the current financial year and the amount spent by ITDC on the construction and renovation for such restaurants.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI

GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. ITDC provides consultancy services for running hotels and restaurants in India and abroad.

(b) and (c) The restaurants are leased out with a view to cater to the requirements of speciality cuisines for which either ITDC do not have the expertise or operation of the activity is not economical due to high overhead cost etc. Presently, ITDC is considering leasing out the following restaurants:

Name of the Hotel	*Name of the restaurant*
1. Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	Mexican Cuisine Restaurant
2. Hotel Samrat, New Delhi	South Indian Restaurant
3. Hotel Janpath, New Delhi	South Indian Restaurant
4. Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	Chinese Restaurant

ITDC has not incurred any cost in the construction and renovation of the first three restaurants because these are to be leased out on 'as is where is basis'. In respect of the fourth restaurant the work is in progress.

विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार

794. **श्री नागमणि:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार के विस्तृत संघटक कौन-कौन से हैं;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने वर्ष-वार इस भंडार के कितने हिस्से का पूंजी निवेश किया था और उस पूंजी निवेश का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उत्पादकता संबंधी कार्यों के लिए इस भंडार का उपयोग न किए जाने के कारण मूल्यों पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० देबी प्रसाद पाल): (क) भारत के विदेशी मुद्रा प्रारक्षित भंडार में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और विशेष आहरण अधिकारों (एस०डी०आर०) द्वारा धारित स्वर्ण, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की विदेशी मुद्रा परिसम्पत्ति शामिल है।

(ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की सम्पूर्ण विदेशी मुद्रा परिसम्पतियां भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अधिनियम द्वारा सुझाए गए साधनों के चयन पर प्रतिबंधों के समुरूप विविधिकृत पोर्टफोलियों में तथा इस प्रकार निवेशित प्रारक्षित भंडारों की सुरक्षा और द्रव्यता को सुनिश्चित करते हुए निवेशित की जाती है।

(ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के निवल विदेशी मुद्रा परिसम्पतियों में हुई वृद्धि मुद्रा आपूर्ति में वृद्धि को प्रभावित कर सकती है जो सामान्यतः कीमतों में वृद्धि का कारण बन सकता है, अगर घरेलू उत्पादन में तदनुरूप वृद्धि न हुई हो। तथापित, वास्तविक सकल घरेलू उत्पाद में 1992-93 और 1993-94 में 4.3 प्रतिशत से बढ़कर 1994-95 में 6.2 प्रतिशत तक हुए उल्लेखनीय सुधार सहित 1993—95 के दौरान अंतर प्रवाहों के एक भाग को निष्क्रिय बनाने के लिए तथा मुद्रा आपूर्ति की वृद्धि और मुद्रास्फीति की दर को नियंत्रित करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा बहुत से उपाय किए गए हैं।

Free air passes issued by Air India/ Indian Airlines

795. DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details and number of free passes excluding the inaugural passes issued in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and so far in 1995 for Air India/Indian Airlines together with the details of the persons availing such passes and the value thereof;

(b) the details and number of inaugural air flight passes issued each year and the total cost involved on each occasion;

(c) the year wise cost of free passes issued as per (a) above and also the cost on hospitality; and

(d) what are the precise rules and